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SUBJECT: WHO - OFFICE ACCOMMODATIONS

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH WHO A/DG WARREN FURTH, MISSION OFFICER WAS GIVEN FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT WHO SECRETARIAT CONSIDERS THAT CONSTRUCTION OF PLANNED HQ EXTENSION BUILDING IS DEAD ISSUE WHEN HE WAS INFORMED THAT AGENCY IS NOW THINKING IN TERMS OF POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY BUILDING ON LAND WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY PURCHASED FOR THE HQ EXTENSION. THE BELIEF IS THAT CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY BUILDING WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO ADDING A THIRD STORY TO CURRENT TEMPORARY BUILDING. THIS LATTER WOULD NOT GREATLY INCREASE SPACE AVAILABLE AND WOULD BE BAD ESTHETICALLY IN THAT IT WOULD TEND TO SHIELD OUTLOOK FROM AND APPEARANCE OF MAIN BUILDING. HOWEVER, WHO WILL PROBABLY MAKE NO NEW PROPOSALS AT 27TH WHA PENDING OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS OF EX BD RECOMMENDATION THAT PLANNING ON HQ EXTENSION BE SHELVED FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

2. FURTH STATED THAT WHO STILL NEGOTIATING WITH ILO FOR SPACE IN NEW ILO BUILDING BUT THAT WHO NOW IS SLIGHTLY
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IMPROVED BARGAINING POSITION BECAUSE (A) ITS FORESEEN

AND STATED (TO ILO) NEEDS WERE LESS THAN ILO HOPED WHO WOULD TAKE AND (B) POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT WHO CAN GET SPACE AT PETIT SACONNEX TEMPORARY BUILDING NOW TAKEN OVER FROM ILO BY UN. FURTH STATED THAT ILO HAD CIRCULATED STORIES A FEW MONTHS AGO THAT THERE WERE MANY BIDDERS FOR SPACE IN NEW ILO BUILDING. FURTH QUESTIONS THIS BY SAYING THAT ILO DOES NOT WANT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN BUILDING AND THERE ARE NO OTHER AGENCIES NOW SEEKING SPACE.

3. MISSION OFFICER QUERIED FURTH ABOUT THE MONEY TO BE REALIZED BY WHO AS ITS SHARE OF THE SALE PRICE OF THE PETIT SACONNEX BUILDING TO THE UN. (IT OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT WHO SHOULD RECEIVE ABOUT SF 600,000). FURTH SAID THIS HAD NOT BEEN WORKED OUT BUT AGREED IT SHOULD PROBABLY BE CREDITED TO CASUAL INCOME RATHER THAN TO THE REAL ESTATE FUND WHEN PRESSED ON THIS POINT. DALE

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